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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116
EXPEDITED EXAMINING PROCEDURE
EXAMINING GROUP 1700**

Serial No.: 09/685,297
Examiner: Brian R. Gordon
Invention: "Chemical Analysis Method for Multiplexed Samples"

Filing Date: October 10, 2000
Group Art Unit: 1743

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

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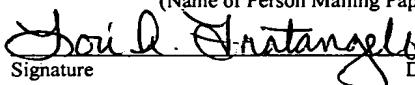
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Sir:

In response to the Final Rejection of July 18, 2002, Applicant submits the following remarks.

REMARKS

The Examiner has finally rejected claims 1-4 and 9 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Norman U.S. Patent No. 5,508,204.

The Examiner states:

Norman does not specifically recite that the specimens are homogenized or that the analysis steps are repeated for each combination of specimens.

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